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Wycombe make Higgins pay for only mistake

BROMLEY 0. WYCOMBE WANDERERS 1

BROMLEY'S reliable goalkeeper Peter Higgins looked unbeatable for the majority of Saturday's Isthmian League game, but his only mistake gave third-in-the-table Wycombe a win they did not deserve.

For long periods left-back Kevin Sheehan subdued Wycombe star Len Worley, perhaps the greatest amateur winger this country has produced. And with 17-year-old Kidbrooke lad Colin Brown, one of three former Charlton Colts in the side, shining in his senior debut, Bromley looked good value for a point.

Indeed, they were on top when Wycombe's international inside-left Tony Horseman took advantage of Higgins' slip in the 65th minute to get what is believed to be his 250th goal for the club—more than any other Wycombe player has managed.

Wycombe are the fourth club to complete a "double" over lowly Bromley this season, the others being Walthamstow, Woking and Ilford. Now Bromley are without a win in their last four games—no doubt, had their previous week's game against powerful Sutton not been postponed that would have ended in another defeat. The reasons? Bad luck, lack of skill and slowness in attack where there is a shortage of punch.

PITCH CLEARED

Bromley had feared Saturday's game would be called off on Friday when the pitch was covered in 4ins. of snow. However, they cleared it by

Friday evening and produced the best conditions for a month.

Although Wycombe dominated the early stages, the best two chances fell to Bromley. But the lively Tait, preferred to Clements and Amato, failed to dribble around keeper Maskell and then three Bromley forwards missed a centre from Bridge.

Stonebridge, moved up from mid-field in Bromley's 4-3-3 formation to act as striker with Coppin and Tait, often found himself facing three opponents due to his colleagues not running off the ball. This was the case in the 20th minute, but Stonebridge managed to slip two tackles and fire in a hard shot that Maskell did well to hold.

The fact that Tait was instructed by knowledgeable team manager Micky Acland to help Sheehan mark Worley, meant that although Bromley made things tough for Worley they were sometimes down to two front-runners.

Fortunately Pat Brown and Co. mastered Wycombe in the air. However, on one occasion Bonney hesitated, allowing the bearded Samuels to get in a fierce drive that Higgins somehow kept out.

Sheehan was containing Worley better than any previous Bromley full-back, but in the

Bromley's Larry Tait (white shirt, right) is thwarted by the diving Wycombe Wanderers goalkeeper, John Maskell, in the opening minutes of Saturday's Isthmian League game.—K.T. Photo No. V. 3803E.)



Tony Coppin (white shirt) somehow gets his boot to an awkward centre but fails to score for Bromley against Wycombe.—(K.T. Photo No. V. 3804E.)

